

**- REMARKS -**

Claim 5, 19, 22, and 26 have been cancelled, not to avoid any reference, but rather to expedite prosecution and Applicants maintain their claim to any and all equivalents of the uncanceled claims. Claim 23 is now in independent form, and allowable, and claims 24 and 25 depend from an allowable independent claim. Therefore, all pending claims are in allowable form per the Examiner's August 16, 2006 office action, and ask that this case pass to allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-3, 15, and 23-25 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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